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Separating mixtures lab

Research question: how can I separate a mixture into its original parts?

Ingredients in mixture are sand, iron fillings, rocks, and salt

Procedure: We put the magnet into the Mixture and it pulled all the iron fillings from the mixture and then we used the tweezers to help take out the larger rocks from the mixture.

Results: when we poured The leftover mixture in with the water and boiled it the results ended up with the sand burning therefore we got it wrong

Conclusion: we got it wrong we put the sand mixture in the water and boiled it, What we were supposed to do is once we got the iron fillings and the bigger rocks out of the mixture we poured some water into the mixture mix it around and the salt would dissolve in the water we then were supposed to take the salt water and boil it until all the water was evaporated and then we would have all the original parts from the mixture.